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1. EMBASSY PRESENTED US VIEWS ON PRINCIPAL ISSUES IN
REFTEL TO TOP LEVEL HMG EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY AND FCO
OFFICIALS, AND BRITISH WORKER AND BRITISH EMPLOYER REPS.
HMG REACTION WAS TO EXPRESS GENERAL SYMPATHY WITH US
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OBJECTIVES. SPECIFICALLY, HMG ENDORSED THE IMPORTANCE
OF (A) PLENARY ADOPTION OF CACR REPORT CONTAINING
COE PARAGRAPH 10 VIEWS, AND (B) ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT OF
SPECIAL MISSION TO ISRAEL AND ITS HANDLING THROUGH
EXISTING ILO INVESTIGATORY MACHINERY. HMG OFFICIALS
AGREED WITH NEED TO AMEND ARTICLE 17 OF THE CONFERENCE
STANDING ORDERS TO ASSURE DUE PROCESS BUT STATED THAT

TACTICALLY HMG MANDATE TO DELEGATION IS TO CONTINUE TO TREAT THE NEGOTIATIONS AS A PACKAGE SINCE HMG SAW SEPARATING NEGOTIATIONS ON ARTICLE 17 FROM STRUCTURAL ISSUES AS WEAKENING BARGAINING LEVERAGE WITH G-77 WHICH WOULD SEEK STRUCTURAL CHANGES WITHOUT RECIPROCATING ON OTHER POSITIONS WHICH BRITISH AND US FAVORED. IF G-77 PROVES UNWILLING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON ARTICLE 17, THEN HMG INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE NOT TO GIVE ON STRUCTURE. AS MATTERS STOOD, HMG OFFICIALS SAID THEY SAW LITTLE PROSPECT OF RESOLUTION OF STRUCTURAL ISSUES WITH G-77, AND THAT HMG NEGOTIATION POSITIONS ARE COLORED BY PROSPECTS OF UK LIVING WITHIN THE ILO WITHOUT THE US IF US DOES NOT REJOIN.

2. BRITISH WORKERS DELEGATE (GLYN LLOYD) TELLS US HIS (AND TUC) POSITIONS ARE SAME AS BEFORE. HE FULLY ENDORSES US VIEWS ON 1978 CACR STATEMENT, ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT OF SPECIAL MISSION TO ISRAEL WITH HANDLING THROUGH EXISTING ILO INVESTIGATORY MACHINERY AND (UNLIKE HMG POSITION) AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17 EVEN IF AMENDING MUST BE DONE SEPARATELY FROM STRUCTURE ISSUES. LLOYD STRESSED HE REMAINS OPPOSED TO CHANGES IN GOVERNING BODY STRUCTURE. HE STATES HE EXPECTS TO BE CONSULTING IN GENEVA WITH IRVING BROWN.

3. BRITISH EMPLOYER DELEGATE POSITIONS (AS GIVEN BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIM HEALEY, COATES' ASSOCIATE, WHO IS GOING TO GENEVA) ARE (A) TO SUPPORT VERY STRONGLY INCLUSION OF VIEW IN PARAGRAPH 10 OF COE REPORT IN CACR REPORT AND ADOPTION BY CONFERENCE; (B) INSIST THAT RECOMMENDATIONS OF SPECIAL MISSION TO ISRAEL BE HANDLED BY DUE PROCESS THROUGH EXISTING ILO INVESTIGATORY PROCEDURE, AND (C) REVISION OF ARTICLE 17 OF STANDING ORDERS TO STRENGTHEN DUE PROCESS. HOWEVER, (HEALEY STATED) THE BRITISH EMPLOYER VIEW IS STILL TO FAVOR A PACKAGE DEAL SINCE INTIMATIONS OF SEPARATION OF ISSUES WOULD WEAKEN BARGAINING POSITION ON STRUCTURE WHICH BRITISH EMPLOYERS MAY HAVE TO ACCEPT UNDER DURESS AS GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS PLAY THEMSELVES OUT.

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